

City Council

Motion without Notice

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| MM35.44 | ACTION | | | Ward: 13 |
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Urgent Authorization Needed to Release Section 37 Funds for Community Safety and Public Realm Improvements to Trolley Crescent - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2021 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$260,808 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 46 to 48 Power Street and 113 to 125 Parliament Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701033), for the purpose of providing one time capital funding to Waterfront Toronto for community safety and public realm improvements to Trolley Crescent. (Cost Centre NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the funds be forwarded to Waterfront Toronto upon the signing of a Delivery Agreement that governs the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements, and that outlines the scope of work, subject to terms satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services, no later than August 15, 2021.

Summary

Since 2015, there have been continual reports of illegal boulevard parking as well as vehicles entering, and driving through Underpass Park, located at Lower River Street and Trolley Crescent. Trolley Crescent was designed to prioritize pedestrian movement and create a harmonized public realm between Underpass

Park and vehicular movement along the street.

In the Summer of 2020, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle entering Underpass Park. Since then, City staff was asked by my office to determine the feasibility of long term design solutions including full fencing around the perimeter of Underpass Park, installing cattle and P gates at entrances and the addition of new amenities such as picnic tables or other recreational facilities to better program the park and foster greater safety. In addition, Waterfront Toronto, the developer and owner of the unassumed Trolley Crescent, was tasked to review options for placing new street furniture or other public realm improvements to address the above safety concerns.

My office, in consultation with local residents and Waterfront Toronto, developed design solutions in advance of the City of Toronto assuming Trolley Crescent. These design solutions will deter vehicles from entering Underpass Park, as well as support a more pedestrian friendly environment and promote vegetation growth along the perimeter.

Background Information (City Council)

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